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Training Is What Brought
Luther McCarty the White
Heavyweight Crown.Copyright, 1913, by The Press Publishing Co.
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MCCARTY'S victory over Palmer yesterday afternoon was well earned and well deserved. McCarty has been the active, ambitious worker; Palmer, the loafer. Since his first battle in the ring, McCarty has worked like a beaver. He is quick and keen. He has put his mind into the game as well as his muscle. He has not sidestepped the best of them, but has shown his self-confidence by fighting the pick of the other big men as he could get matches. He had one setback—an unexpected setback, in the fight with Willard in New York. Instead of dropping out of sight for a while then he went right along fighting. And he improved with every day's experience. The result—McCarty has whipped Palmer. He is now the most prominent of the claimants to the championship title.

Palmer was not like McCarty. He fought gamely every time he was matched, but he wasn't ambitious. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that he wasn't anxious to fight his way to the top. He was satisfied, after beating Wells of England, to disappear from the ring for months, while McCarty was fighting his way to the top and gaining the experience that enabled him to whip Palmer.

When asked to meet some good man Palmer demanded a prohibitive price. He overestimated the worth of his services. It was otherwise with McCarty; he was always willing to fight. It was the result of a long campaign rather than the amount of money to be earned in one fight that influenced McCarty. Palmer could not look so far ahead.

McCarty's record is good. He has stopped Morris, Kaufman, Flynn and Palmer. There is just one thing more for him to do. No doubt he'll do it. He has an unpleasant memory to wipe out—the memory of his unsuccessful fight against Willard. From the way McCarty has improved, he should be able to do this.

DOWN in Australia they have published Sam Langford as the world's champion. In Australia he looks like a world's champion, no doubt. At any rate, he has completely demolished the claims of that awe-inspiring hunk of muscular ebony, Sam McVey. He has whipped the other Sam until he has become almost a habit. McVey was acknowledged champion of Europe. Sam went to Australia advertised as the man John would fight. Jeannette was given a chance similar to Langford's, but Joe preferred the plating around New York. As a result Langford is regarded as world's champion on one side of a world. He can stay in Australia for a while as a popular hero. And if he comes back here he can make life miserable for the still existing "hopes" by continually challenging them. I doubt that they'll flock on his trail, remembering what Sam used to do to Jim Barry, Tony Ross and other tough customers.

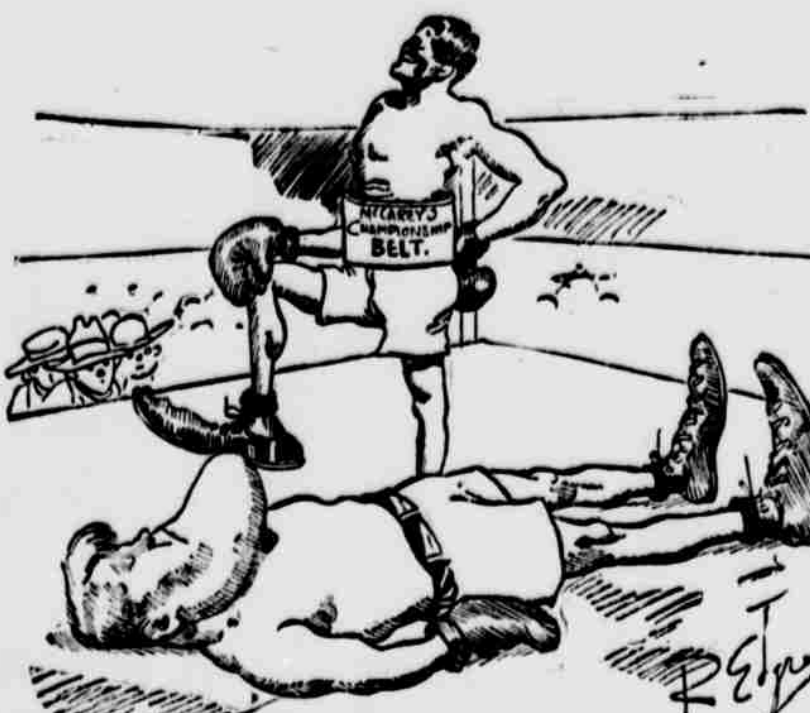
MEXICAN JOE RIVERS has begun working in a style that becomes plenty of action when he meets Cross. The Mexican believes in hard work, although he assures me that he is already in good fighting trim, and that the weight (135 pounds) is easy to make. Rivers claims that 135 is now his natural weight, and that he usually scales within a couple of pounds or so of it.

The placing of the weight at 135 for the Cross-Rivers bout shows the solution of the weight problem that has been worrying some champions since the commission announced the scale of weights adopted for this state. The champions, when they box here, can simply demand that the articles provide for the weight they want. Ritchie can demand his right to make the other fellow scale 135 if he prefers 135 to 138. There being no decision it is difficult to see how a championship can hinge upon the result, no matter what the weight is.

THIS brings up the possibility of a change of champions through a knockout. Curiously enough, this question has never been of any importance, for no champion has ever been officially counted out in a New York no-decision bout, or in a Philadelphia no-decision bout. I've seen one champion actually knocked out for sixteen seconds: Al Attell by Tony Bender. But in that case the referee gave him a long count and helped him up, and the bout went to the end of the scheduled four rounds. It was just a boxing exhibition—not a "championship fight."

**JEANNETTE BESTS JOHNSON
IN BOUT AT IRVING A. C.**

Joe Jeannette, who has considerable trouble in getting any of the big white men to meet him in a ring battle, met "Batting Jim" Johnson, the colored heavyweight of Tennessee, in the main bout at the Irving A. C. matinee show and won. Johnson put up a great battle and not only kept right after Joe all through the ten sessions, but managed to drop him to the floor in the first round with a heavy left swing such as the law.



(McCARTY AND PALMER ON NEW YEAR'S DAY)

McCarty and Wells Next, Palzer's Conqueror Says He'll Bar All Negroes

Promoter McCarty Will Make
Effort to Match English-
man for July 4.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 2.—No fighter whose skin is not white will ever have a chance at McCarty's heavyweight title.

This was the first announcement made today by Luther McCarty, following his defeat of Al Palmer of Iowa yesterday after seventeen and one-half rounds of terrific mugging. In the middle of the eighteenth round Referee Eylon stopped the battle to save Palmer from further punishment.

"I will not meet any negro, but will draw the color line absolutely," was McCarty's statement. "I have no intention of burying my title, however, and any fighter who is worthy may have a crack at it."

"While I am willing to go against any white fighter who is picked for me, I prefer to meet Bombardier Wells. In order to clear up any talk that the English may have of supremacy, I will probably meet Wells on July 4. After that, Willard and Daley can fight it out and I will meet the winner."

McCarty then paid a tribute to his defeated foe.

"Palmer is the greatest boy I have ever met," said he. "He took a good deal more than Jim Flynn did, and he didn't flinch once. He can have another chance at me after the other contenders are disposed of."

A person knowing nothing of the result of yesterday's battle, looking at McCarty and Palmer today, would have no difficulty telling which was winner. Aside from a slight cut under one eye, McCarty did not show a mark of the encounter, while Palmer was terrifically beaten up. Both eyes were puffed almost shut, his nose and face were a bloody mass, and one ear was terribly out.

"McCarty was better than I had ever expected," said the conquered pugilist, "but I want another chance and I am willing to prove my right to it if necessary."

Billie McCarty, McCarty's manager, and Tom McCarty, who promoted yesterday's mill, both said they were en-

deavoring to arrange a match with Wells here on Independence Day. McCarty today called the Britisher and expects a favorable reply to-morrow.

Fans who witnessed yesterday's battle were universally of the opinion that Palmer was outclassed at every stage of the fight. Despite Palmer's advantage in reach and in size, his blows seemed to lack punishing power and he was wholly without initiative.

Fans say he would have made a better showing had he cut loose in the beginning from the instructions of his manager, Tom O'Rourke, and gone ahead on his own hook. Throughout the entire battle Palmer looked to O'Rourke to tell him what to do, and Tom yelled through a megaphone what tactics to pursue. McCarty merely smiled when he heard these instructions, and he easily anticipated every move of the Iowa. Palmer was game throughout and stood toe to toe and fought courageously when he looked he had no chance, but he appeared awkward at the side of the conqueror.

McCarty's display of scientific boxing was a complete revelation to the fans. They had expected to see two novices at the fighting game, who would turn the affair into a slugging match. Instead, they saw one novice, Palmer, and one cool, calculating, clever boxer.

McCarty pronounced McCarty by far the most promising heavyweight in the white division since the days of Jim Jeffries. In the early stages, when Palmer assumed the aggressive, McCarty had no difficulty in eluding him and then, after the seventh round, he began a systematic effort to put his man away.

Palmer's blows were a straight left—the same punch he used against Jim Flynn—and a wicked right cross, landing these two blows without difficulty. The first blow, a straight left, was the most powerful of the two. It was a clean, hard blow, and it landed on the forehead of Palmer. The second blow, a right cross, was a powerful blow, and it landed on the jaw of Palmer. The result was a bloody nose and a swollen face. Palmer was unable to continue the fight and was stopped by the referee.



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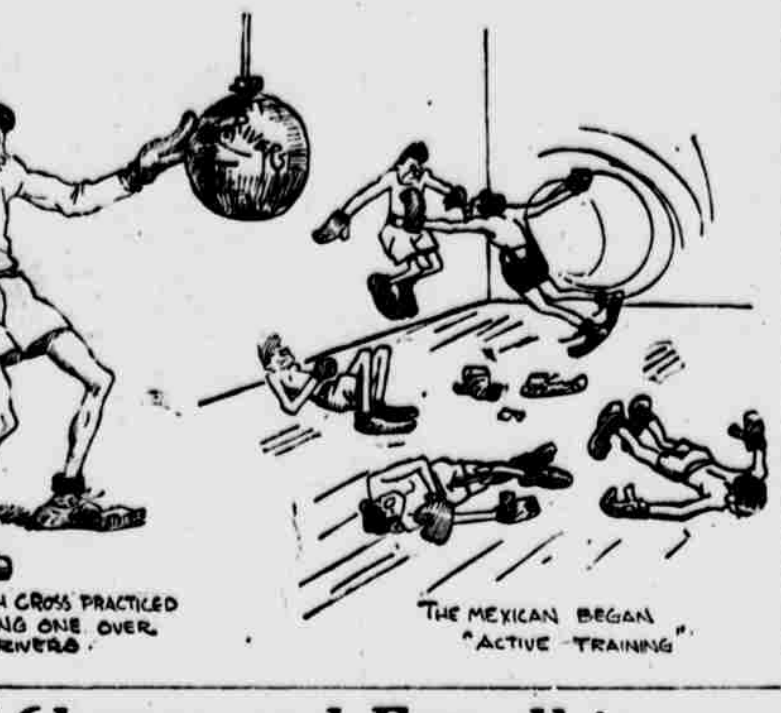
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Murphy May Get Wolfgang Match

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